

ENLISTMENT

THIRD REGIMENT ANXIOUS FOR THE CALL TO ARMS.

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ARMOUR TO RAISE A BATTALION OF FOUR HUNDRED.

A TALK WITH COLONEL GROSS.

ADJUTANT GENERAL BELL ASKS FOR INFORMATION.

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readiness to go to the front with Colonel Craig's volunteer regiment, while it was announced by the colonel himself that 400 men of the Armour Fencing Company's plant would form a squadron of their own to join the volunteers. In addition to these, 200 or 300 recruits from the country, whom the rain yesterday kept away, are expected to join the Third regiment before the adjutant. Chamberlain and Captain Thompson, who were in charge of the recruiting here, did not find their duties burdensome until the war news had been announced by whistles and bells at 2 o'clock. Then the men who waited to fight began coming in faster than they could be cared for. From a list of thirty names obtained before actual war was announced, the number jumped up to 110 within an hour, and at 4 o'clock had grown to the 150 mark. "At this rate," said adjutant Chamberlain, "the Third regiment will have the regiment filled inside of two or three days," said adjutant Chamberlain. The "Veteran Company A" and Drum Corps, at the Central street side of the recruiting station, filled the room with martial music. In front of the office and stretching clear across Ninth street was a white banner bearing this inscription:

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building. One hundred men are wanted immediately, for Colonel Gross has promised if the company is formed before Monday he will accompany the regiment to the front.

GEN. MOORE FOR COMMANDER.

An Enthusiastic Movement to Secure His Appointment to Lead Missouri's Troops.

There was much discussion yesterday in local military circles as to the probable commander of the Missouri troops in the Cuban expedition. Should President McKinley issue a call for 80,000 men, Missouri would furnish about 2,500, and this will include the entire national guard force of the state.

The present organization consists of the First brigade, composed of the First regiment infantry, St. Louis; Second regiment infantry, headquarters at Carthage; Third regiment, Kansas City, and the Fourth regiment, with headquarters at St. Joseph. The artillery branch is represented by light field batteries A and B, the first command being at St. Louis and the second at St. Joseph by Captain Chris Klingman, of this city.

There is a very enthusiastic movement among the officers of the First brigade to secure the appointment of Brigadier General Milton Moore as the brigade commander of the Missouri forces in the Cuban campaign. The appointment will be made by the president upon the recommendation of Governor Stephens, and if the wishes of the 2,500 national guardsmen are consulted, General Moore will be appointed.

One of the oldest officers of the Third regiment stated at the Army last night: "It will be an outrage if General Moore is not appointed to command the Missouri brigade. He is clearly entitled to the place, not only on account of his fine ability as a commander, but as a recognition of his invaluable services to the national guard of the state during the past ten years."

"There would have been no military organization in Missouri to-day if General Moore had not labored incessantly during the past fifteen years to awaken public sentiment in favor of citizen soldiery."

"For part of the period while colonel of the Third regiment, he practically defrayed the expenses of the regiment out of his individual means, and the state has never reimbursed him to the extent of a single dollar," said Moore. "He possesses an unlimited confidence of every officer in the state; has served with them for years, and the civil war demonstrated that volunteer troops invariably fight better when commanded by an officer in whom they have confidence."

"He has made a study of military tactics for years and is thoroughly competent to take command in the field. If popular sentiment is in the line of General Moore, it will have a most disastrous effect upon the enthusiasm of the Missouri troops."

Governor Tanner, of Illinois, has established a valuable precedent in officially notifying Secretary of War Alger that the Illinois guardsmen must go under the command of Illinois men. He appointed General Pittsmon, of Chicago, to command the First brigade of the Illinois forces. He declares that better results can be obtained with volunteers, when they are led by competent officers in whom they have unlimited confidence.

FRED FUNSTON CALLED UPON.

His Presence is Demanded in Washington—Will Start This Morning.

Major Fred Funston, of Kansas, who was formerly chief of artillery in the Cuban insurgent army, will be in Kansas City this morning on his way to Washington, where the war department has requested him to report at once. Just what his rank or duties will be when he gets there he does not know, but he will be held probably in the department of the chief of staff. He is a general in command of Cuba because of his knowledge of the people and the geography of the island.

Last week, when it began to look that war was coming, the war department wired Colonel Havana to call for Funston, to find Major Funston and see if he was willing to report at the department for duty. Following this came another message to find him and send him to Washington at once. The young officer lecturing through Kansas on "Cuba and the Cubans," and was able to induce him to cancel contracts for lectures that would have made him more than \$2,000 and make hurried preparations to go to Washington. Funston left home yesterday and went to Lawrence, where he bade his friends good-bye last evening, and this morning will come to Kansas City. To-day he will close his interrupted lecture tour, and leave for Washington. James A. Young, and this evening leave for Washington.

While Major Funston is more than willing to serve his country in any capacity where his services will be effective, he is not at all anxious to leave his home and the regular army and giving the Spaniards a combat with trained men and plenty of ammunition, two things he did not have when he was with the insurgents. He is quite anxious to get to Cuba, but will yield precedence to the wishes of the war department if it has a place it believes he can fill with good results.

Major Funston has almost entirely recovered from his Spanish gunshot wounds, and his system is not free from the germs of malaria he brought back from the island. This would not prevent his immediate return to the island if the government gives him the opportunity.

CALL THE WORLD TO WITNESS.

Attorney John Walker Would Prove Spanish Treachery to the Nations of the Earth.

"I want to see the American navy in control of the harbor of Havana very shortly and I hope it may be kept safely there," said John Walker, Attorney John R. Walker yesterday. "Then when the war is over I would like to see the American government build a caisson about the wreck of the Maine, no matter what it cost, pump all the water out and expose the great ship so that the damage done by the explosion may be clearly exposed. Then invite the nations of the earth to send one or more of their naval experts to view the wreck, and let them see the damage done by the Spanish mine so that we may stand justified beyond all peradventure in the eyes of the world. Such a step, it looks to me, would be worth all it would cost, pump all the water out and expose the great ship so that the damage done by the explosion may be clearly exposed. 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